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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims**

 (original) A method of attracting visitors to a college-related web site, comprising:

providing a form for use in nominating a scholarship recipient nominee; nominating a scholarship recipient nominee; contacting the nominee to confirm that the nominee accepts the nomination; providing a form for voting for a nominee; posting the form to vote for a nominee; confirming the vote using electronic mail; and awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion.

- 2. (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 14 in which awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion includes awarding a scholarship to the nominee having the most votes within in a pre-specified time period.
- 3. (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 14 in which awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion includes awarding a scholarship to the first nominee nominated.
- 4. (currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 14 in which awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion includes awarding a scholarship to the first nominee to receive a predetermined number of votes.
- 5. (original) A method of awarding scholarships using a site on a global computer network, comprising:

nominating multiple nominees for a scholarship;
voting for the multiple nominees; and
awarding the scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion.

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- 6. (currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] <u>15</u> further comprising transmitting a confirmation of the vote by electronic mail.
- 7. (currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 15 in which voting receiving votes for multiple nominees comprises each receiving votes from one of multiple voters submitting an electronic voting form or electronic communication.
- 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7 in which voting receiving votes for multiple nominees further comprises receiving votes from a voter transmitting an electronic mail message to confirm a vote for one of the multiple nominees.
- 9. (original) The method of claim 8 further comprising verifying that the voter has not previously voted for the one of the multiple nominees, thereby preventing the voter from casting more than one vote for any nominee.
- 10. (currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] 15 in which receiving a nomination posted on the web site nominating multiple nominees for a scholarship includes receiving a nomination from any individual having access to the global computer network can nominate a nominee.
- 11. (currently amended) The method of claim [[5]] <u>15</u> further comprising posting a list of nominee identifiers to identify the nominee to voters, the identifier not providing the real name or address of the nominee.
- 12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising seeking consent of the nominee before posting the nominee's name on the list.
- 13. (currently amended) A computer readable media including instructions for executing the steps of claim-1:

providing a form on the web site for use in nominating a scholarship recipient nominee;

receiving a nomination posted on the web site nominating a scholarship recipient

nominee;

electronically contacting the nominee to confirm that the nominee accepts the

nomination;

providing on the web site a form for voting for a nominee;

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accepting a vote for a nominee;

confirming the vote using electronic mail; and

awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion.

(new) A method of attracting visitors to a college-related web site, comprising: 14. providing a form on the web site for use in nominating a scholarship recipient

nominee;

receiving a nomination posted on the web site nominating a scholarship recipient

nominee;

electronically contacting the nominee to confirm that the nominee accepts the

nomination;

providing on the web site a form for voting for a nominee;

accepting a vote for a nominee;

confirming the vote using electronic mail; and

awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion.

(new) A method of awarding scholarships using a web site on a global computer 15. network, comprising:

providing a web site including a form by which people having access to the global computer network can nominate nominees for scholarship awards;

receiving nominations posted on the web site, the nominations nominating multiple nominees for a scholarship;

posting on the web site the list of nominees;

receiving votes cast by individuals for the multiple nominees cast on the web site over a computer network; and

awarding a scholarship to the nominee satisfying a voting criterion.

- (new) The method of claim 15 in which receiving nominations posted on the web 16. site comprises receiving nominations from anyone having internet access.
- (new) The method of claim 16 in which receiving nominations posted on the web site comprises receiving nominations for any college student or prospective college student.
  - (new) The method of claim 15 in which receiving nominations posted on the web 18.

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site comprises receiving nominations for any college student or prospective college student.